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WORLD'S DOINGS OF CURRENT WEEK

Brief Resume of General News
From All Around the Earth.

UNIVERSAL HAPPENINGS IN A NUTSHELL

Live News Items of All Nations and
Pacific Northwest Condensed
for Our Busy Readers.

A noted Hungarian actress has been
shot as a British spy.

Thirty-three gamblers were arrested
in a raid at Aberdeen, Wash.

The county auditor at Tacoma issued
98 permits to buy liquor in one day.

Rear Admiral Charles Eben Fox, U.
S. N., retired, dies at the age of 66
years.

The plot to poison many prominent
citizens at a banquet in Chicago is laid
to anarchists.

Graham-White, the noted British
aviator, has been gravely injured by a
fall in his aeroplane.

Brigadier General Benjamin C. Card,
retired, dies at the age of 91, at his
home in Washington, D. C.

Philadelphia's streets were covered
Sunday with a heavy coating of ice
caused by a bad sleet storm.

Six per cent of the fish fry in the
hatcheries at Bonneville were lost be-
cause of the recent heavy storm.

Gasoline in Portland is selling for
18 1/2 cents a gallon and may go higher.
In New York it sells for 24 cents.

Dr. Sun Yat Sen, ex-president of
China, is reported re-married to his
private secretary at Tokyo, Japan.

The value of real estate in New
York City is placed at \$8,205,000,000,
an increase of \$97,000,000 over a year
ago.

Twenty-two Americans have equip-
ped a hospital train of 13 cars and
have presented it to the French govern-
ment.

The film pictures of the Columbia
River Highway are to be shown in
Syracuse, N. Y., upon request from
that city.

President Wilson is now declared a
candidate for re-nomination, regardless
of the one-term plank of the Demo-
cratic platform.

Two young men in an automobile
were killed at Sumner, Wash., when
their machine was struck by a North-
western Pacific train.

Rear Admiral Grant, the submarine
commander of the U. S. navy, declares
that undersea boats should be at least
800 tons surface displacement.

Richard L. Metcalfe, ex-governor of
the Panama Canal zone, has invited
W. J. Bryan to debate the question of
preparedness before the voters of Ne-
braska.

The Congressional Union for Woman
Suffrage sent President Wilson a val-
entine on which was inscribed:
"Won't you be our valentine? We
will be your valentines."

Dr. Carlos Mendoza, ex-president of
Panama, died suddenly Tuesday night
from heart trouble, was buried the fol-
lowing day, after the body had laid in
state all day in the government build-
ing. Dr. Mendoza was the leader of
the opposition faction of the Liberal
party and was widely regarded as one
of the most able men in Panamanian pol-
itics.

German capture large section of
French trenches in Artois.

Portland citizens have raised a fund
of over \$13,000 for the relief of suffer-
ing Jews in Europe.

The customs officials at San Fran-
cisco have seized a totom pole that
bears nude pictures and is otherwise
indecent.

According to the decision of the Na-
tional Association of Merchant Tailors,
the ideal American's measurement
should be, height, 5 feet 8 inches;
chest, 38 inches; waist, 34 inches;
hips, 39 1/2 inches; thigh, 21 1/2 inches;
calf, 14 1/2 inches; head measure, one-
eighth of the full length of the body;
legs straight and feet arched.

Germany and Austria, through their
ambassadors in Washington, have notified
the United States of their intention
to treat armed merchantmen as war-
ships after March 1. That date was
fixed to give the entente allies time to
signify their intentions toward the re-
cent note of the United States pro-
posing the disarmament of all mer-
chantmen.

The Willamette river at Portland
reaches a 19-foot stage and floods all
waterfront basements.

A liquid which bursts into flame
when poured on paper is believed to
have been used by incendiaries who
set fire to the Ottawa, Can., parlia-
ment building.

The Navajo Indians are dancing
their war dances and threatening to at-
tack white settlers in Northeastern
Arizona, in retaliation for the slaying
of one of their number recently by po-
lice-men, according to two cowboys
from Utah.

BERLIN AGREES TO CHANGE WORDING IN LUSITANIA CASE

Washington, D. C.—Germany is un-
derstood to have agreed to the sugges-
tion of the United States she sub-
stitute the words "recognizes liability"
for the words "assumes liability"
in the tentative draft of the communi-
cation designed to settle the Lusitania
case.

The revised draft was received here
late Wednesday night from Berlin.
It was submitted to Secretary Lansing
by Count von Bernstorff, the German
ambassador.

Several other changes desired by
the United States and described as be-
ing of minor importance also are said
to have been made. In one instance,
however, Germany is understood to
have proposed a change in the lan-
guage suggested by the American gov-
ernment.

From high Teutonic authority came
the statement that it was expected the
Lusitania case would be finally settled
to the satisfaction of the United
States.

CHARLES C. CROWLEY



Charles C. Crowley, a private detective
of San Francisco, and recently in the
employ of the German consulate in
the western city, has been arrested
by agents of the department of jus-
tice on a charge of conspiring to de-
stroy ships carrying war munitions
and supplies to the allies.

States and Germany at a conference
between Secretary Lansing and Count
von Bernstorff. It also was said that
the one modification made in Berlin
was not material and that German offi-
cials here did not consider that the
State department would object to the
change.

Teutonic officials seemed most con-
fident that in agreeing to the Ameri-
can request to substitute the word
"recognizes" for the word "assumes"
preceding the mention of liability of
Germany to make reparation for injury
to neutrals, the Berlin foreign office
had removed all cause of possible diffi-
culty.

All Aspects of War Will Be Considered by Conference of Allies

London.—A general conference of
the allies in Paris to consider all polit-
ical and strategical aspects of the war
is to be held. Announcement to this
effect was made in the house of com-
mons by Premier Asquith.

Premier Asquith's statement was
made in the course of an address in
connection with the opening of parlia-
ment. The premier said a large vote
of credit would be asked next week.

He announced that the government
was now taking stock of all its munitions,
merchandise, and industrial re-
sources, so as to be in a position to put
forth its maximum strength.

The forecast made several weeks
ago of a daily expenditure for the war
of \$5,000,000 had proved, the premier
said, to be nearly accurate.

Obligations incurred by the war, he
added, would impose a serious strain
on the country for a generation to
come. This burden, he believes, could
be met only by large additions to tax-
ation and by maintenance of England's
credit by keeping up the volume of
exports, holding down unnecessary im-
ports and reducing expenditures.

Two Ships Burning at Dock.

New York.—The British steamers
Pacific and Bolton Castle, lying at the
pier of Barbor & Co., at the foot of
Pier street, Brooklyn, caught fire
early Wednesday and it was believed
that both would be destroyed. Some
of the members of the crews were
thrown or jumped into the water, and
loss of life was feared. The fire
started on the pier of the New York
Dock company, the longest in the East
River, and spread to the two steamers
and two lighters loaded with gasoline
which were lying at the pier.

Fire Found on Steamship.

New York.—Fire was discovered in
the cargo on board the steamship
Veendyk of the Holland-American line
as the vessel was passing out to sea
Wednesday. Captain Lieuwhe quickly
put back to the pier at Hoboken. It
was said after 80 firemen had fought
the flames for more than six hours,
that the fire was under control. Effort
will be made to determine its cause.
The Veendyk carried \$200,000 worth
of oil cake consigned to Rotterdam.

SUSPECT ANARCHIST OF BIG POISON PLOT

Two Hundred Banqueters Taken
Sick When Soup Is Served.

CHIEF BELIEVED MERE UNIT IN SCHEME

Lives Saved by Custom of Serving
Meager Portions—Only Ounce
of Arsenic Used in Food.

Chicago—"I do not wish to create a
panic in Chicago," was the cryptic
reply of First Deputy Superintendent
of Police Schuetzler, when asked Mon-
day to give his views of the plot to
poison several hundred prominent Chi-
cagans.

Schuetzler spoke testily and in the
tone of a man who is harboring the
secret of a great calamity. At the
same time he refused to admit that he
believed Jean Cronen, missing assist-
ant chef at the University Club, who
served the banquet, was the only man
who figured in the plot.

Two hundred of the distinguished
list of 400 banqueters who attended a
dinner given to Chicago's new Catholic
archbishop, Most Reverend George
William Mundelein, were taken ill of
poisoning after the soup course. The
archbishop did not partake of the soup,
nor did Governor Danne, who was
among those present.

Indications are that Schuetzler is
hot on Cronen's trail and is gathering
evidence of a plot in which Cronen was
only a unit among a gang of anarchists
who planned to kill the distinguished
group of men. This was borne out by
the activities of his staff of detec-
tives.

Two hours before Health Commis-
sioner Robertson gave out the report
of F. O. Toney, city chemist, that
3.7 grains of white oxide of arsenic
had been found in an analysis of a
pinch of the poisoned soup served at the
banquet, two anarchists were taken
into Schuetzler's office.

Both of the anarchists were ques-
tioned for more than an hour. When
they had gone Schuetzler, in an inter-
view, admitted he had reports on
Cronen for several months. He knows
the meetings Cronen has attended,
what he said at those gatherings. He
admitted Cronen was a red hot "dyed-
in-the-wool" anarchist, that he knew
Cronen's associates, that his detectives
have questioned these men.

Schuetzler made known the fact that
Cronen at a meeting of anarchists last
May asked the speaker if his study of
chemistry—he is an amateur chemist—
would injure his standing in the an-
archist movement. The speaker's re-
ply throws some light on the motive
of the poison plot. It was this:
"No, a chemist, could do a great
deal in the anarchist movement."

Two Athletes Drowned When Canoe Hits Eddy in Willamette

Portland, Ore.—Two were drowned
and six other narrowly escaped drown-
ing when a Salem-to-Portland canoeing
party of the Portland Rowing club
struck the whirling rapids and eddies
off Rock Island in the Willamette
river five miles south of Oregon City
Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

The drowned were Charles Kirk-
patrick, 600 East Madison street, 22
years of age, a clerk in the clearing-
house at the First National bank, and
Harry Gammie, 33 years of age, pay-
ing teller in Ladd & Tilton bank, and
an athlete of considerable repute,
whose residence was 348 East Six-
teenth North. Both were athletes of
the Multnomah Amateur Athletic club
and expert canoeists of the Portland
Rowing club.

The accident came at a sudden turn-
ing point in a barretrore uneventful
trip down the Willamette from Salem.
About midway through the eddies
the canoe in which Gammie and Kirk-
patrick were struggling suddenly
turned over and dumped them into the
river. Both began a desperate struggle
against the water, but their efforts
seemed to be of little avail, the water
being swift and the undercurrent
tremendous.

Treasure Hunt Renewed.

Los Angeles, Cal.—Having obtained
an extended furlough to enable him to
undertake a second treasure hunt on
Cocos Island, Walter Bunker, a police
patrolman, left Sunday for the little
dot in the Pacific Ocean off the coast
of Peru, where he hopes to unearth a
vast store of gold said to have been
buried on the island 200 years ago.
Bunker has obtained the use of a yacht
belonging to J. B. Mexican cap-
italist, who accompanies the expedi-
tion. Bunker's last expedition failed
on account of trouble with his crew.

200,000 Belgians Shod.

New York.—The Commission for
Relief in Belgium announced Sunday
that since the beginning of its winter
campaign it had sent 200,000 pairs of
shoes to the destitute of Belgium and
Northern France. Of these 100,000
were for women, 60,000 for children,
40,000 for boys, 40,000 for girls and
40,000 for men. The commission
bought \$25,000 worth of leather to be
cut up and tacked onto wooden soles
and to repair old shoes.

NEWS ITEMS Of General Interest About Oregon

Railroad in Douglas County Is Held Liable for Taxes

Roseburg.—In a decree handed down
in the Circuit court here Judge Hamil-
ton held that the taxes due from the
land of the Southern Oregon company
in Douglas county for the year 1909
were collectible, and that the holdings
of the company were subject to sale to
satisfy the delinquent certificates the
same as other lands on which the taxes
were not paid. The unpaid taxes
amount to about \$30,000.

Suit was brought against the South-
ern Oregon company several months
ago to compel them to pay the taxes
due on their lands in this county for
the year 1909. An answer was filed
by the Southern Oregon company in
which it was denied that the taxes
were a lien against the land, or that
they remained due and unpaid on the
date of reaching delinquency. It was
also alleged by the defense that the
certificates of delinquency were not
filed regularly with the clerk.

Another contention offered by the
defense was that the Federal courts
had decreed that their interest in the
lands did not exceed \$2.50 an acre,
while in some instances they were
assessed as high as \$20 an acre. The
defense contended this was sufficient
to nullify the entire assessment.

The county attorney offered in evi-
dence the original certificates of delin-
quency, which Judge Hamilton held
were regular and sufficient to warrant
disposal of the lands for taxes. At-
torney John M. Guerin, of counsel for
the Southern Oregon company, an-
nounced that he would appeal the case
to the Supreme court. The question
involved in the case are identical with
those of the Oregon & California grant
lands, according to local attorneys.

State Land Board Stands Firm on Irrigation Project

Salem.—The Desert Land Board
Wednesday stood by its recent action
in recommending to the government a
further extension of the state's con-
tract with the government on the Ben-
ham Falls unit of the Central Oregon
irrigation company's project in Crook
county. At this meeting a copy of a
resolution adopted by the Bend Com-
mercial club protesting against any
further extension of the contract was
read.

Embraced in the Benham Falls tract
are about 74,000 acres.

The board decided to send the addi-
tional data furnished by J. E. Morson
regarding the Morson Land company's
project at La Pine, to the department
of the Interior. The board is favor-
able to granting Morson a three years'
extension on his contract with the
state, as he desires, but the Federal
land department so far has refused to
give the state an extension on its con-
tract until Morson supplies more in-
formation.

County Assessors of State Hold Convention at Salem

Salem.—Through the passage of the
county high school tuition fund law,
thousands of children in Oregon are
now able to attend high school where
before this was not possible because
of the parents' inability to bear the
expense. J. A. Churchill, superintend-
ent of public instruction, told the
county assessors of the state. The as-
sessor began a three-day session and
conference with the State Tax com-
mission here Wednesday at the state
house. Tax Commissioner Eaton is
chairman of the conference.

Superintendent Churchill praised the
new high school tuition fund law in
his address, declaring that officials of
the United States Bureau of Education
at Washington, D. C., considered Ore-
gon's law the best ever passed in the
interest of secondary education.

Following an address by B. F. Keen-
ey, of Lane county, on "Assessment
of Motor Vehicles," Commissioner
Galloway declared that automobiles
ought to be taxed according to their
respective horsepower.

Timber Saving Is Great;

Salem.—In the protection of pri-
vately owned timber in Oregon statis-
tics given in the reports of State For-
ester Elliott indicate that great
progress has been made in the last six
years.

When the new forestry code was en-
acted, in 1911, and the compulsory fire
patrol law, in 1913, a reduction in fire
losses throughout the timbered sec-
tions at once was effected. In 1910
\$1,640,997 worth of timber was de-
stroyed in Oregon. Last year it to-
taled only \$933,333.

The total loss in the five years end-
ing with the close of last year was
\$96,620. This is less than one-six-
teenth of the loss sustained from fires
in 1910, the last years under the old
system.

Drinker Defies Court.

Baker.—Facing a sentence of 50 days
and a fine of \$65, imposed by Justice
of the Peace Hubbard, because he re-
fused to tell where he got the liquor
that made him drunk in Baker last
month, Charles Blackwell will demand
that he be released. His attorney, an-
nounced that he will file a writ of
habeas corpus. The state and national
constitutional right of refusal to tes-
tify except under a guarantee of com-
plete immunity will be made the basis
for the writ. If necessary the case
may be carried to the Supreme court.

KING PETER OF SERBIA GOING INTO EXILE



This remarkable and historical picture shows Peter, king of Serbia, seated on an ox-drawn cart, on his way out of the country for which he fought so bravely. The vehicle used as a royal coach had been an ammunition wagon.

SNOWSTORMS DO NOT WORRY THE GERMANS



These German troops on the eastern front evidently do not mind a snowstorm, for they are enjoying their hot rations at a field kitchen. In the background are transport wagons.

RESCUERS OF MANY ARMENIANS



United States Consul and Mrs. Jesse B. Jackson in the parlor of the
American consulate at Aleppo, Syria. The Armenians say that it was solely
owing to the energetic action of Mr. Jackson, who adopted a strong atti-
tude with the Turkish military authorities, that thousands of Armenian
lives in Aleppo and in the surrounding regions were saved. Mrs. Jackson
is a great favorite in the highest social circles in Aleppo. During the mas-
sacres of the Armenians, the rooms at the American consulate were packed
with Christians. Mr. Jackson's home is in Paulding, O.

LEADER OF MONTENEGRINS



This is General Martinovich, the able
military leader of the Montenegro
army who opposed the plan of sur-
rendering to the Austrians and took
command of the troops that sought to
make their way to safety through Al-
bania.

SMOKE FROM HIS CAPTOR



This six-year-old Serbian youngster,
a prisoner in a German detention
camp, is happy regardless of the fact
that the whereabouts of his parents
are unknown. His costume is a "man-
descript" one, being made up of "sawed
off" trousers and coat of apparel.

Photograph of the sinking of the British torpedo-boat destroyer Lons
which was destroyed by the Turks after it had stranded and had been
abandoned by its crew.

The marine catch in Europe had
been a great failure.